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Charity 'sorry' to axe its Dial-A-Ride scheme

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A CHARITY has been forced to stop a vital transport service for elderly and disabled people from tomorrow because it can't afford to keep it running.

The free South Beds Dial-A-Ride scheme allows its 800 members to book transport to day centres, therapy centres and medical appointments, carrying out up to 22,000 journeys per year.

But after Luton Borough Council decided to cut its funding it was announced on Thursday that the service would be ending in the town.

Member Doreen Day said the news has left her feeling 'frightened', but added she doesn't blame the charity for making the decision.

She said: "After I had a heart attack in March, I relied on Dial-A-Ride to help give me the confidence to go out.

"The service makes me feel safe and has been reliable.

"I fear that those who can't get around easily will become housebound and not see a friendly face from one week to the next, which is no way to live."

Demand for the Dial-A-Ride scheme has increased in the town over the last two years, meaning it is costing more to run.

It currently costs £160,000 a year to provide, but it only receives a grant of £130,000 from the council. And earlier this year the authority decided to reduce its funding by 37 per cent from April 2014.

As a result, Dial-A-Ride co-ordinator, Dave Barratt, asked members if they would be willing to pay for the service with more than 90 per cent saying they would.

But he claims this proposal was turned down by the council because it was half way through its contract.

He said: "There has been an increase in demand for the service and we never like to say no, so we have been making more journeys than we would have done before.

"I feel very sorry we have had to take this decision after serving Luton for more than 25 years and this will inevitably be a great disappointment."

However, council leader, Hazel Simmons, has branded the charity 'irresponsible' for withdrawing the service at such short notice.

She said: "This decision affects the most vulnerable people in the town.

"The council officers have not received a proposal to charge the members of the service."

Charity Luton Shopmobility will be offering a replacement service on an interim basis, which will start tomorrow.

For more details, call 01582 738936.

WITHDRAWN: South Beds Dial-A-Ride co-ordinater Dave Barratt and member Doreen Day after the announcement the service will stop operating in Luton

Victims could video cops to report crime

ONLINE video messaging could be the future of policing after the Police and Crime Commissioner proposed closing a number of the county's stations.

PCC Olly Martins has launched a survey asking residents about the ways in which they access police services and although no formal plans have been made, this may mean the closure of a number of the county's 10 stations to save £3million a year.

According to Mr Martins, rural locations such as Riseley and Houghton Regis would be most at risk and cops could be accessed through other buildings such as shops, libraries and council offices.

Mr Martins said: "The first thing I wanted to do was test the public mood and see how open people are to the idea and in what ways they access the police service.

"For a while we have had to have the 'make do and mend' attitude towards the condition of our buildings. It's just an idea but we would presumably have a Skype address for the force control room or there might be scope for having it more locally based. We are also looking at the moment at how we use IT going forward."

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MP: Locals can beat pay day loan lenders

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AN MP has called on the community and local organisations to join forces to provide an 'alternative to the quick fix offer made by pay day lenders'.

Gavin Shuker, MP for Luton South, said the rise in pay day lenders in the town was 'a serious threat to vulnerable people'.

His comments come as Luton Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) reported that it has seen a rise in people going in with debts caused by pay day loans, most of which are offered at interest rates of more than 1,000 per cent.

A spokeswoman for the CAB said: "People are not coming in with just one loan. They are coming in with two or three because they used one to pay off the other so then it spirals out of control."

In recent weeks the Labour party has called for tougher regulation of the short-term loan industry and urged for more to be done to promote the services of credit unions.

Some local authorities have banned internet access to pay-day lenders through public computers. Luton council does not currently have such a policy but said it 'may consider this in the future'.

Gavin Shuker said communities could put up a challenge to pay day firms

Mr Shuker said: "As a Labour and Co-op MP, I value the real benefits of a community owned credit union.

"The rise in pay day lenders in the town is a serious threat to vulnerable people who find themselves caught in that vicious financial cycle.

"The Government has failed to take action on pay day loans and with the drastic increase in the cost of living, it is inevitable that people fall to the predatory trap set by lenders.

"The Labour party has pledged to give power to councils to stop these pay day lenders moving into high streets. However, in order to build successful credit unions, we need local organisations and communities to come together to provide an alternative to the quick fix offer made by pay day lenders."

Cop is cleared of raping a woman he had arrested

AN EX-POLICEMAN who admitted having oral sex with a vulnerable woman he had arrested has been cleared by a jury of rape and sexual assault.

Adesoji Afolabi, 30, of Charlwood Road, Luton, who was alleged to have committed the offences while still a member of Hertfordshire Constabulary, was found not guilty of rape and assault by penetration at Chelmsford Crown Court on Tuesday.

During the trial Mr Afolabi admitted the woman had performed oral sex on him at the Harlow home of her father – but claimed it had been at her instigation.

His mother wept uncontrollably as the jury announced their verdict and Judge David Turner told her son he was free to leave.

The court had been told that Mr Afolabi had arrested the 22-year-old woman outside her mother's house in South Mimms in July last year after she had caused damage to the property.

He had taken her to Hatfield Police Station, where he was said to have kept her under observation before volunteering to take her to her father's house the following day.

He had then texted her before returning to the house the next day, which is when the prosecution alleged the offences took place.

Prosecutor Andrew Jackson had described the alleged victim as 'an alcoholic and mentally vulnerable' person who had been diagnosed with 'borderline personality disorder and bulimia nervosa'. She claimed he had raped and sexually assaulted her but he maintained that she had instigated it.

Giving evidence, he said she had asked him to have sex with her but claimed he had replied by saying he did not have any condoms.

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NOT GUILTY PLEA TO MURDER
A TEENAGER has pleaded not guilty to the murder of a 19-year-old.

Mark Hannell, 19, of Thames Court in Trent Road, Luton, is charged with the murder of Ryan Burke at Milliners Court, Milliners Way, on Thursday, April 25.

Mark Hannell, who appeared via video-link, entered the not guilty plea at Luton Crown Court on Wednesday.

A trial has been scheduled to begin at Luton Crown Court on Wednesday, October 23.

MAN CRITICAL AFTER ASSAULT
A MAN is in a critical condition following a serious assault in Farley Hill in Luton on Thursday afternoon.

Police were called to a property in Whipperley Ring at about 5.30am. Officers arrived to find a man with a serious head injury who was taken to hospital.

A man has been arrested in connection with the incident.

MAN FOUND IN PARK IS NAMED
THE man who died on a recreation ground near Stockingstone Road in Luton has been named.

Paul Fittes, of Pinemead in Shefford, is believed to have died from a deep laceration to the neck on Tuesday, July 30.

Officers were called to the junction of Stockingstone Road at about 3pm after a member of the public reported seeing a man in a wooded area.

Paramedics attended but were unable to revive the 50-year-old, who was pronounced dead a short while afterwards.

A coroners inquest has been opened and adjourned.

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Petition is started to stop 'noisy' weddings

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A RESIDENT has gathered more than 500 signatures asking for a wedding venue to have its licence reviewed following complaints regarding noise and parking.

Ghulam Javed, from Leagrave Road, said he wants the permit given by Luton council to Venue Central to be looked at again because it is 'too small' to hold big functions.

In a letter written to the council, Mr Javed has alleged that since the hall, in Leagrave Road, was granted a licence in December 2011, life for residents has been made 'hell' because of revellers letting off fireworks in the streets and drumming by wedding processions.

He also claims residents have been unable to park their cars during the weekends because their spaces are being taken by people attending weddings at the venue.

Mr Javed said: "This licence should be reviewed as a matter of urgency as there is excessive noise, outdoor drums, music, fireworks, vehicle processions with sounding horns causing traffic chaos and vehicle racing."

He added: "It's up to the council what they are going to do but we don't want the fireworks or the drums'.

His claims have been disputed by MKI Halls Ltd, the company which owns Venue Central.

In a letter to the council regarding Mr Javed's claims, the company's secretary, Mohinur Miah, said it was 'astounded' by his claims and did not 'understand why Mr Javed had come up with all these claims and why he seems to have a personal vendetta against us'.

It also submitted its own petition and claimed Mr Javed had misled some of his signatories as to what they were signing up to.

CALLING FOR ACTION: Ghulam Javed wants an 'urgent' licence review

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The firm said that although it had its own parking attendants, it 'did not have the authority or the resources to police the parking of all our customers and feel any instances of unlawful parking need to be dealt with by the council and/or the police'.

It added that its customers had been told that any drumming or use of fireworks would be only be permitted on its premises.

Councillors are due to meet on Wednesday to discuss the issue.

Businessman pleads guilty to fraud

A ROGUE trader from Luton has been prosecuted by Central Bedfordshire Council's Trading Standards team for fraud.

Luton Magistrates' Court was told on Thursday, August 1 that Peter Dennis English, 39, of Chesford Road, Luton, was paid £15,312 up front in March 2011 by a couple in Eaton Bray for a kitchen which he didn't order or install.

Following ongoing delays, the council's Trading Standards team was called in during August 2012.

English, who was trading as PDE Kitchens as the time, pleaded guilty to the offence and was sentenced to six weeks in prison, which was suspended for 12 months, and was ordered to pay costs of £3,047.

He was also ordered to observe a curfew between 7pm and 7am, having to wear an electronic tag for the period.

Cllr Ian Dalgarno said: "Rogue traders and other door step criminals should know by now that if they try to ply their trade in Central Bedfordshire they will be investigated and brought to account by our officers.

"The conviction of this individual should act as a clear warning – we're striving to ensure Central Bedfordshire is a great place to live and this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated."

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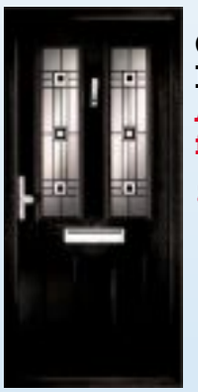

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Visitor centre is to close for good

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LUTON Borough Council has announced that the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in St George's Square will shut its doors in 12 weeks time after 20 years of service.

The VIC, which is housed inside Luton Central Library, is currently run by the charity Luton Culture and provides details on events and attractions and travel information, as well acting as an agent for coach companies.

According to the council, there has been a significant drop in the number of enquiries handled by the centre as more information is available online and from other sources.

It claims visitor numbers fell by more than 12,000 in 2012/2013 when compared to the previous year. However staff say that the centre still receives more than 8,000 visits per month and demand for the service is there.

Seven members of staff, including two part-time workers, are currently employed at the facility.

The closure is expected to affect other local businesses, including a number of coach companies the centre promotes day trips and excursions for.

Steve Morley of Three Star Coaches, who only learnt about the closure on Thursday afternoon, said: "There is no doubt that the closure will affect our business.

"We had no idea that this was a possibility and it has come as a huge shock to us.

"We have lots of customers who will book trips through the centre and a number of elderly clients who contact us via the staff at the VIC to arrange for us to pick them up.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Staff at the Visitor Information Centre have been cheerfully helping people for over 20 years.

"But sadly, the drop in enquiries means that with so much information available online and elsewhere it is difficult to justify the funding to keep the centre open, especially with the need to focus funding on maintaining essential services, such as protecting vulnerable children and older people.

"The five staff at the VIC are employees of Luton Cultural Trust and the trust will be making every effort to help them find alternative posts within the organisation where it is possible."

Some transport information and tourism brochures will be available from the Town Hall from December onwards.

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Birthday party for cheetahs

WHIPSNADE Zoo's six cheetah cubs celebrated their first birthday in style – as keepers gave them a party they could really get their paws into.

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The gifts were all part of the one-year-old cub's enrichment programme, designed to keep them active and spark their natural curiosity.

Zookeeper Rosie Scott said: "It's not often we get to celebrate six birthdays in one day, so we wanted to do something special for the cubs."

The cubs are the second litter of Northeastern African cheetahs to be born at the zoo and are providing a valuable rearing experience for mum, Dubai, of this threatened species.

PRESENT: One of the cubs investigates a gift

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Monty is fined for 'drunk behaviour'

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LUTON-BORN cricketer Monty Panesar has been fined by police for reportedly urinating on bouncers after being asked to leave a seaside nightclub.

The spin bowler, who was part of the England Ashes squad this week, now faces an investigation by his employer, Sussex County Cricket Club.

According to various reports, Mr Panesar was shown the door at Shooshh club in Brighton, East Sussex, on Monday, after some women clubbers complained of being hassled.

It has been claimed that the 31-year-old then urinated from the promenade above the venue on to doormen standing below.

Witnesses at the scene said he ran to a pizza shop shouting 'help! help!' before being caught by bouncers and taken back to the club where police were called.

He was then issued with a fixed penalty notice by police for the public order offence of being drunk and disorderly.

FINED: Cricketer Monty Panesar

After the incident a spokesman for Sussex Police said: "A 31-year-old man received a fixed penalty notice for being drunk and disorderly after being seen urinating in public near the Shooshh club in King's Road Arches, Brighton, around 4.13am on Monday, August 5."

Panesar was part of the 14-man England squad that retained the Ashes at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Monday but he did not feature.

In a statement, Sussex County Cricket Club said: "Sussex County Cricket Club can confirm that an incident took place involving Monty Panesar in the early hours of Monday August 5.

"The matter is under full investigation and the club will make no further comment at this stage."

A spokesman for the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said the incident was a matter for Mr Panesar's club and the ECB would not be commenting on it.

Simon Hoole, general manager of the Shooshh nightclub, said: "Unfortunately we can only confirm that there was an incident at that time."

He said the club would not make any further statement because it valued its customers and their need for privacy.

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'Litter is problem in Biscot' says resident

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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A RESIDENT has voiced his concerns about the amount of litter being left on the streets of Biscot ward in Luton.

This comes just weeks after councillor Syd Knight urged residents in Sundon Park parade to help keep the area tidy of takeaway food wrappers and community group Made In Luton organised a town centre clean-up.

Akbar Dad Khan, who lives in Biscot ward, said: "This week I took a short walk around the area to find abandoned mattresses, broken trolleys and an awful lot of litter and food wrappers on the ground.

"The residential area of Biscot ward has been turned into a 'ghetto' and this madness needs to stop.

"The council seems to have its priorities all wrong – surely a priority should be ensuring the streets are clean to ensure the health and wellbeing of the residents."

A spokesman for Luton Borough Council said: "The solution to litter and flytipping is simple, don't drop litter and don't flytip!

"If you are out and about, either take your rubbish home with you or put it in a waste bin.

"What an eyesore and what a waste of time and taxpayers' money making other people clean up after you."

People who see someone flytipping, or would like to report an area where it has taken place, are being asked to give as many details as possible to the council to help it catch the culprits.

PRIORITIES: Akbar Dad Khan said Biscot ward has become a 'ghetto' due to the amount of rubbish on the streets

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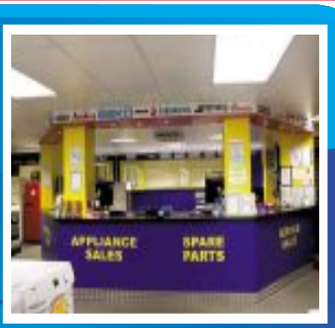

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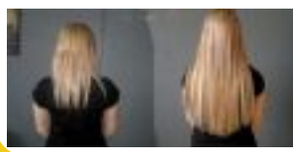

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We need more action

SIR – So, PCC Olly Martins thinks part of the problem of travellers' illegal encampments is the 'loss of institutional knowledge' created by organisational upheavals at both the council and police, does he?

I beg to differ and suspect he is rationalising years of relative inaction, although current, constant structural changes can't help.

His explanation sounds plausible but, in reality, as we folk know to our cost, the authorities' approach has always been low-key, despite enraged residents' well-publicised views over the years.

For as long as I can remember, they have promised much but done little more than adopt a 'sticking plaster' policy of reacting to events; what a telling indictment of our leaders and decision-makers.

Eviction of each illegal encampment costs the council (for that, read you and I, dear council taxpayer) £2,000 and one particularly troublesome family is constantly giving the council the runaround.

It's cost £23,000 and rising, so far this year; little wonder...

On all counts, the issue cries out for an early strategy of decisive action. If PCC Martins successfully grasps the nettle, I shall be the first to tip my hat in gratitude.

Gary Needham,
Leygreen Close, Luton

Praise for our hospital

SIR – May I join the ongoing Luton and Dunstable hospital saga?

About a month ago I collapsed in the street and found that I could not move.

Ordinary people came to my aid and on regaining my sight and movement the police took me home and an ambulance took me to the L&D.

After 10-15 minutes in A&E I was admitted and spent four days in hospital.

The doctors told me that I would not like the medical treatment I was going to get. They were right.

But it was very effective and well worth going through.

My health is now being monitored as an outpatient and I am now a far healthier, person.

May I thank the bystanders, the police, the ambulance crew and of course the hospital.

Anthony Lawrence,
Mayfield, Luton

Noise is an issue

SIR – We have a problem.

I am a carer and my patient who is 79 years old lives in manor Road, Luton.

The problem continues through the night, every night when motor car owners believe that the Manor Road area of Luton is really Brands Hatch and they use super-charged noisy cars to promote their excitement.

They used to be confined soley to laps around the public car park, until the council put tarmac humps in position.

So now, the racing and the noise is adjacent to the car park and always in the small hours of the morning.

My patient Patricia, who has numerous medical conditions, finds it impossible to sleep at night, as I am sure do the other 33 occupants at Presentation Court in Manor Road.

The noise reminds most of them of the Doodle Bugs that Hitler used to send over to bomb Britain during the Second World War, creating depressive memories.

The police do their best, but the perpetrators disappear until the police presence disappears.

Alice P Woodsford,
Manor Road, Luton

Stopsley is in a mess

SIR – I have lived in Stopsley for 55 years.

I've never seen the streets of Luton so dirty, with litter, broken bottles, weeds and dog poo.

Luton is a heavily populated town. We need to have street cleaners.

Why not sack some of those pencil pushers in the town hall.

Better still, give them a broom.

John Tucker,
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

Police should deal with travellers

SIR – THE council is to be commended for trying to do the best it can to move the travellers on with virtually no support from the police.

I have seen council workers block would-be traveller sites with refuse lorries and vans and they are now quick to instigate proceedings to move travellers on when they take over and occupy Luton's parks, public highways, or industrial estates.

However, it is really not fair to expect the council to play the part of law enforcers in addition to its actual job just because the police, whose job it is, resolutely stay away and refuse to get involved.

Also, without proper backup and authority, there is a limit to what the council can do.

All the police seem to want to do is to log complaints, which in itself does not make the problem go away.

This to my mind is a shameful abdication of their responsibilities.

While it might make life easy for them in the short-term, it is absolutely destroying their reputation and losing the police all respect.

PROBLEM: Travellers on Pope's Meadow in Luton last month

There is a hardcore of travellers who constantly move from illegal site to illegal site in Luton with impunity.

There appears to be no effort made to pursue them for the constant legal and clean-up costs that the council (and of course council tax payers) have to incur, let alone chase them for unpaid taxes, criminal damage etc.

While seemingly more and more travellers arrive in Luton every month, where are the police?

It's almost as if they're hiding and hoping the problems will just go away.

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Too many horses die

SIR – Animal Aid's online database of horse deaths on British racecourses (www.horsedeathwatch.com) reached a dark milestone in July when we recorded the 1,000th fatality since its launch in March 2007.

A seven-year-old bay gelding, called Hired Hand, became the 1,000th horse to lose his life. He started his career in Ireland and in late 2012 he was brought to Britain to race.

A horse of 'moderate' ability, Hired Hand was never going to rise to the top. Instead, he was raced on minor racecourses in the hope of picking up small amounts of prize money.

The last day of his life was July 23, 2013 at Bangor-On-Dee.

Running in a handicap hurdle race with seven other horses, Hired Hand appeared to stumble and, in racing terms, 'broke down badly'.

His injuries were so severe that he was destroyed at the course.

It was the last race of the evening and most race-goers would have left the Clwyd course unaware of his fate.

His corpse was carted off to a destination known only to those involved in the industry.

Animal Aid's Race Horse Deathwatch website is the only record of race horse deaths in the public domain.

Animal Aid has called on racing's regulator, The British Horseracing Authority, to publish details of all race horse deaths and to name the horses who have perished in the pursuit of 'sport' and gambling.

Dene Stansall,
Horse Racing Consultant, Animal Aid

EU debate continues

SIR – It is not necessarily right wing to want to leave the EU. UKIP are not the only political party committed to an independent UK.

The continuation Liberal Party which, unlike the EU-fanatic Liberal Democrats, quite rightly opposed giving up the Pound for the Euro, is also in favour of leaving the EU, given its aim of ever closer union and likely resistance to adequate reform from within.

The Liberal Party, whose traditional constitution demands 'liberty, property and security' for all, calls for a more socially just society where progressive taxation of gifted and inherited wealth finances a citizen's inheritance for young UK-born UK citizens and claws it back eventually from those receiving larger lifetime totals.

Dane Clouston,
Liberal Party National Committee

Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

New rules for housing

@masekwn: Social Housing is a joke tbh, we were accepted via the council as overcrowded for shared ownership due to a loophole.

We've not exchanged on a property outside of the scheme, however, it is obvious to me how easy it was to be 'overcrowded'.

@midlandcottages: It's a start, but the council won't retrieve debts owed as it wipes them out.

These people shouldn't be on the list for five years or more.

Libraries due to close

@JohnEJefferson: Shutting libraries denies knowledge and education from the poorest and most needy in society and that is most criminal in my book.

I am housebound but stand by my record of opposing cuts when I was a local councillor. Libraries are essential for development.

High Town strategy

@kyliemsmith – The police need to continue to target the male kerb-crawlers and not the women.

Ottilie wins more gold

@OttilieQ: Not long got home & saw Sunday's paper! Awesome! Thanks so much for all of your support! #LutonianAndProud

PCC Olly's Skype plan

@Addy_Philly: Not much good if someone nicks your laptop

Man steals charity tin

@IqbalNoman: Only in Luton

EEAST staff in tents

@STORMGYMuk: Disgrace...all that is needed to be said!

Our most read stories

- Man who died in Luton park is named
- Monty Panesar fined after being accused of 'urinating on bouncers'
- Luton drug dealer dies after all night binge inquest hears
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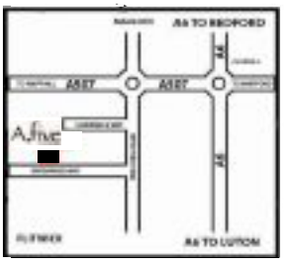

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Catholic church should apologise

IF the Catholic Church was any secular organisation there would be moves to close it down.

For several years now this newspaper, and generally this reporter, has been telling the horror story of what was once St Francis Boys Home in Shefford.

It was a home mainly for orphans or children whose parents could no longer care for them. These boys suffered both physical and sexual abuse at the home from the priests who ran it. And maybe not just the priests, as others are suspected of taking advantage of the children.

There is evidence that Jimmy Savile was a frequent visitor, and maybe others too.

Two former boys have won substantial damages from the church and now many other former residents are taking out a class action against St Francis Society and the Northampton Diocese.

Despite numerous phone calls we have never received any meaningful statement from the church and now they don't even bother to return our calls.

And the former boys are still to hear an apology.

For the Catholic Church, Shefford Boys Home is but the tip of the iceberg.

This week we have read about a similar story in Scotland, concerning abuse at schools run by Catholics, and nearer home there are allegations of abuse at a former borstal in Apethorpe, Northamptonshire.

And the story is the same across the world.

Yet all I get, and will no doubt get after this article, is a combination of abuse and plaintive cries of why do I keep picking on the church?

Because systematically the Catholic Church has been abusing children and young people who were put into their care as a supposed loving and principled organisation. Yet generally it shows no shame and only annoyance at being found out.

The church and the priests can only be grateful there is no God to wreak vengeance on such people. The least they could do is apologise.

Why are we allowed to keep dangerous animals as pets?

Like me, you must have been appalled at the story in Canada, where a 15-foot python killed two small children.

Over here, the Government is planning to strengthen the punishment for owners of dangerous dogs who attack people. But why are people allowed to keep them at all?

I do not see the point in having a 15-foot python as a pet. You can't take it out for walks, or leave it with the kids. You have to feed it other live animals, so cannot call yourself an animal lover. And anyone who wants to keep a dangerous dog should be barred from keeping animals in principle, in the same way as I would not want to belong to any club that would accept me as a member.

And of course punishing these people is too late for the victims. So the answer is not to increase the sentencing but to ban them from owning dangerous pets to start with.

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He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.
A service to celebrate his life will be held at St Mary's Church in Clophill at 1.30pm on Thursday 22nd August.

Family flowers only please but if desired donations can be made to either "The Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust" or "Alzheimer's Society" via A.L. & G. Abbott Funeral Directors, 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds, MK42 8BH.

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Nursery is rated as 'inadequate'

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THE council has said it is 'developing an ambitious plan' to make improvements at a nursery school after it was put under special measures by Ofsted following a recent inspection.

Rothesay Nursery, in Rothesay Road, was graded as 'inadequate' after inspectors found a number of issues during a visit in June.

Previously it had been deemed as 'satisfactory' but inspectors said the 'school's effectiveness has declined' and the headteacher and governors had not 'taken the necessary action to reverse this decline by improving the quality of teaching and learning'.

They also noted that 'a considerable amount of inappropriate behaviour was observed, and it was not dealt with promptly enough by staff' and said the management and teachers did not have 'a clear understanding of the nursery's strengths and its main priorities for improvement'.

The report said children were unable to achieve because too much teaching required improvement or was inadequate

Janet Brownjohn, the headteacher, said she was 'disappointed' with the inspection and would be working with Luton council to improve the situation.

A council spokeswoman said: "Since the inspection we have been developing an ambitious action plan with the school, which includes intensive monitoring, support and practical advice by our experienced school improvement advisors, partnering the nursery with an outstanding infant school and headteacher, as well as observing good practice in other schools."

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Pupils set to start at summer school

TWENTY-SIX pupils have presented their plans to three local charities they will be working with as part of a summer school.

The pupils, aged 18-24, are part of Gavin Shuker MP's school, a scheme aimed at giving young people new skills.

The presentation was held at Luton Hoo Hotel and the pupils will be paired up with Luton Food Bank, MS Society and Victim Support and tasked with creating and executing campaigns in order to raise awareness and fundraise on behalf of the charities.

Gavin Shuker said the day was a 'reward' for the students

Low pay sees staff staying on campsite

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AMBULANCE staff are sleeping in tents because their allowances are too low to afford basic accommodation, a whistleblower has claimed.

The private staff hired by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust, which serves the region, have been staying at a campsite near Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire.

The trust uses private contractors to help cover for permanent staff, but offers an allowance of only £35 per day for lodging.

A whistleblower has said this is not enough to pay for a hotel room.

Health minister Dr Dan Poulter said: "It's something I find very difficult to accept (tents) as being good conditions in which to house staff who have patients' lives in their hands.

"This is clearly something the ambulance trust will want to look at immediately as they are responsible for assigning contracts.

A spokesperson for the East of England Ambulance Trust said: "The quality of our service delivery is of upmost importance, so working in partnership with us, private ambulance organisations must undergo a thorough trust-accredited process and meet stringent criteria.

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Carer may be put in jail for neglect

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A CARE home worker has been convicted of neglect after an elderly resident was left on the floor for an hour after he collapsed.

Albert Riches, 86, who suffered from dementia and Alzheimer's, was prone to falling after suffering mini strokes and having an operation for a broken leg.

Jackie Ndoro, 38, was on trial at Luton Crown Court accused of neglect of a person who lacks of capacity at The Limes Home in Henlow on the night of June 22, 2011.

Mr Richies, who has since died, collapsed and called for help, but was ignored by one of the home's night shift workers who tapped his leg and then swept around his body.

After he had been on the floor of the lounge for an hour fellow night shift worker Ndoro, of Bodmin Road, Luton, came into the room and fetched a wheelchair.

The two care workers pulled him up by the scruff of the neck and 'dumped him on a wheelchair', the court was told.

Prosecutor Isabel Delamare said the elderly man was heard to say: "I am sorry."

She said the two workers should have used a hoist to lift Mr Riches into the chair, but it was in another room and they could not be bothered to fetch it.

The jury was told the police are hunting for the care worker who swept around Mr Riches because she did not answer bail.

Judge Barbara Mensah bailed Ndoro, who was of previous good character, for probation to prepare a pre-sentence report.

She said the case was 'a very serious matter' and added: "The case of neglect is so serious I have in mind a custodial sentence."

Ndoro is due to be sentenced on September 6.

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Still time to sign up for marathon

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THERE is no better time than now to commit to taking part in Love Luton's first half marathon.

This is because all participants who sign up to run the 13.1-mile route before Sunday, August 18 are eligible to receive a free half day training session from Boxfit running club.

The Love Luton half marathon will take place on Sunday, October 27 and will start at 10am at Venue 360 in Gipsy Lane.

As part of the event, which is sponsored by Boxfit and Stopsley Strideres, Love Luton is encouraging runners to raise funds for 'The NICU Appeal – caring for premature and sick babies at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital'.

The 13.1-mile route will take in part of the beautiful Luton Hoo Estate and end in the town centre.

CHALLENGE: Will you sign up to take on the 13.1-mile route through Luton?

Andrew McConnell, chairman of Love Luton, said: "The Love Luton events programme for 2013 is now well underway.

"If you're looking for your next big challenge, why not enter the half marathon on Sunday, October 27.

"Book now and you'll have time to train for the big day. And if you're thinking of running for charity it gives you time to gather sponsorship."

Runners can sign up by visiting www.loveluton.org.uk/halfmarathon.

The free training sessions will take place on the evening of Thursday, August 22, or Saturday, August 24.

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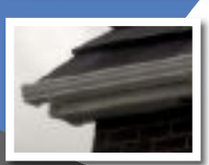

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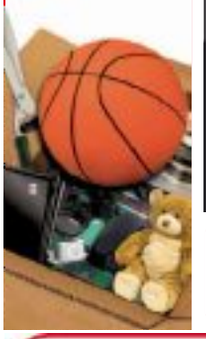

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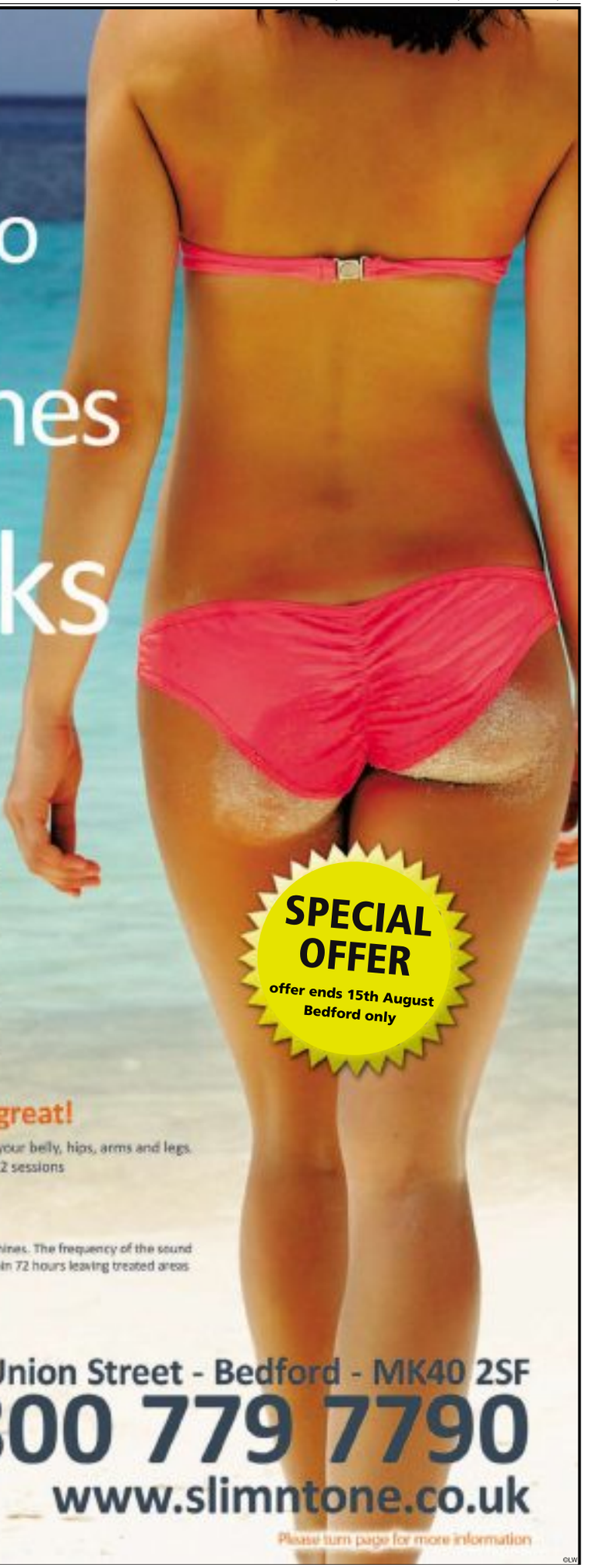

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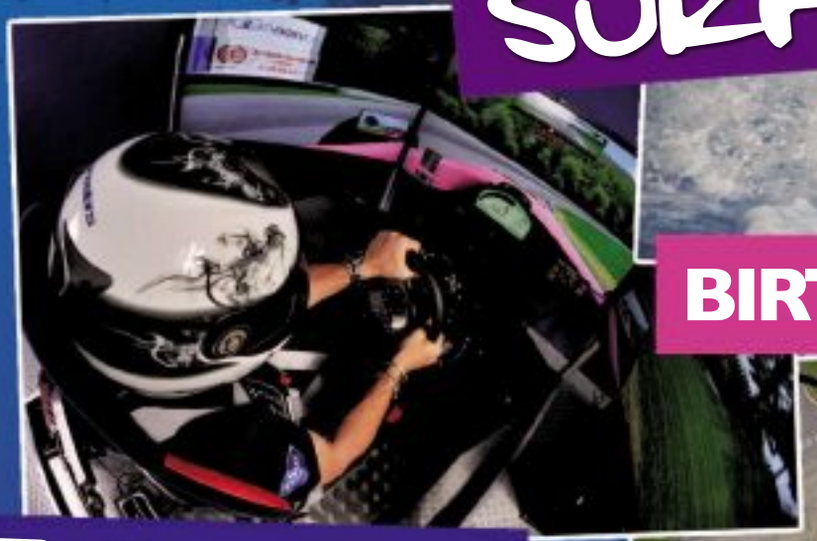

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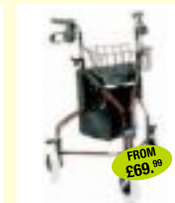

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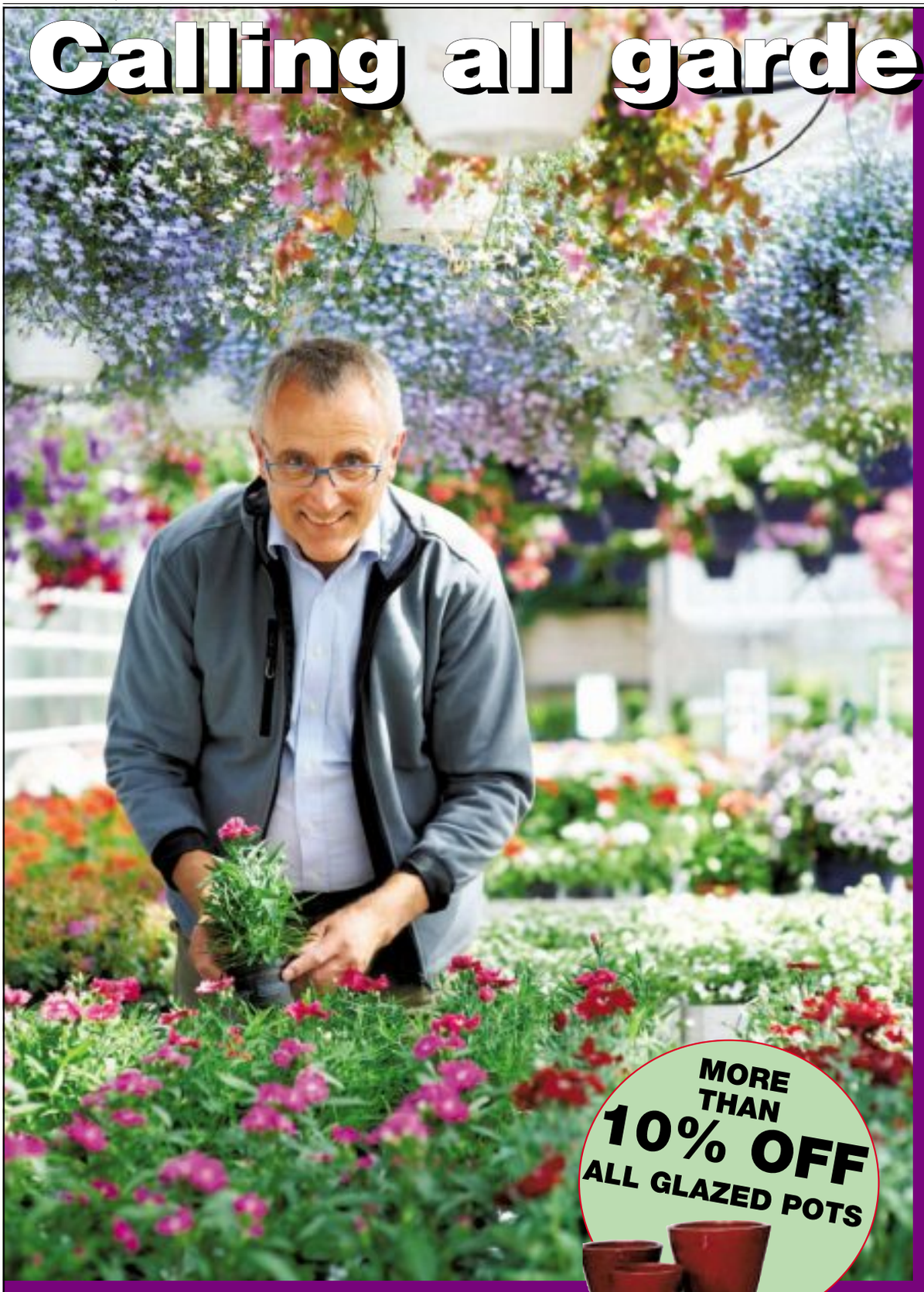

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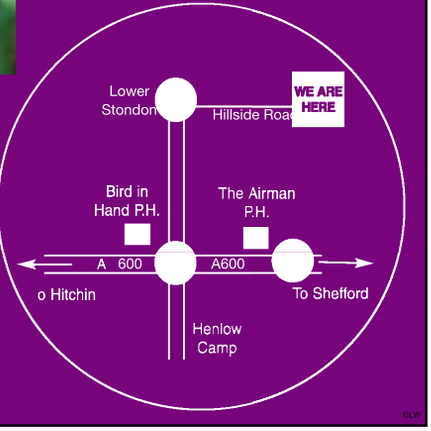

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BOOK REVIEW

Hogg and other stories and poems
Written by Judy Riley

ANYONE can become a published author these days. Not that everyone should.

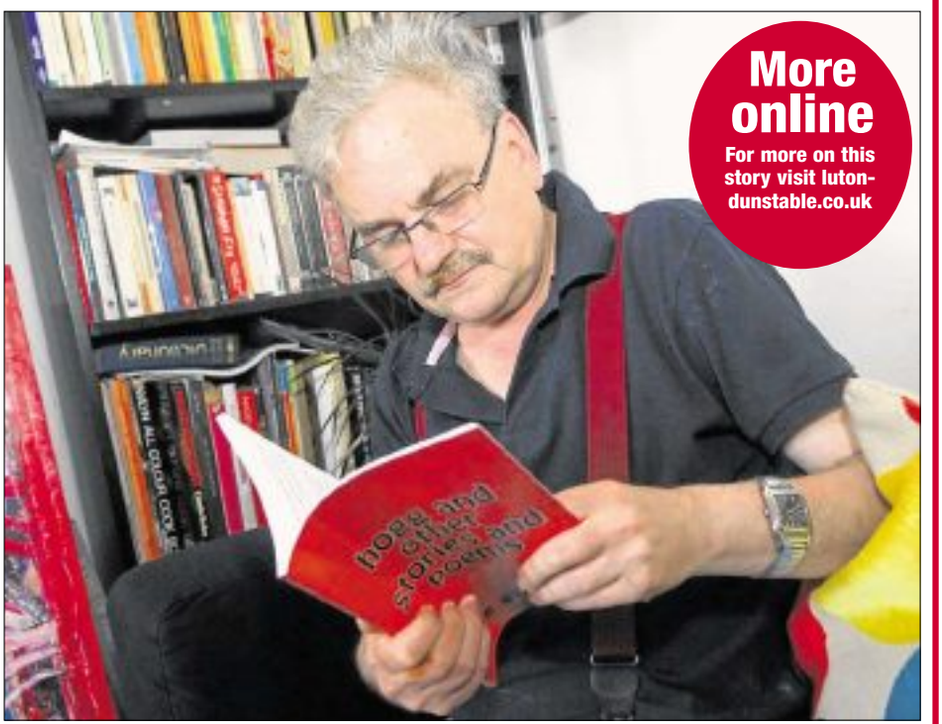
But, with the advancements in Desktop publishing programmes and with the willingness of Amazon to happily accept the money of every Tom, Dick and Harriet to flog self-published titles, it's as easy as ABC to get your creative genius out to a world that is wider than a close circle of family and friends.

Of course, it may be only loyal aunties and best mates who actually buy the stuff even then but there have been notable successes and at least it gives writers the hope of something more than an avalanche of rejection letters to dream of.

Clive Gresswell, *pictured*, is a writer who has launched his first self-published book in this way. For many years he was a successful reporter working for the Luton on Sunday and since he left the company a couple of years ago, Clive has employed his skill with words writing short stories and poems.

Most writers prefer to keep themselves at arm's length from their plots and characters. Clive takes the opposite view. He is very present in more than one short story in this collection.

There is one that features leading characters called Action and DistrAction and DissatisfAction, there are Other People, a pair of conjoined twins called Leftie and Righttie and an awful lot of red herrings. I'd give you the title but it doesn't appear to have one. While it rather meanders off course as a story it is nevertheless engaging in its randomness.



In Fragments of Frank, Clive re-examines the unsettling world of mental illness. Nothing is what it seems and life inside the head of a sufferer is as claustrophobic and as scary as the physical place in which he is confined.

It's a compellingly good read but like much of what he writes, there is no satisfyingly neat ending.

Clive abandons all the rules and regulations when it comes to poetry. It's like embarking on a James Joyce novel or dipping into the world of E.E. Cummings; no full stops, commas, capital letters or even stanzas. But the words are powerful.

Local children conjur up some West End magic

THEATRE

The Grove Theatre, Dunstable
Thursday-Saturday, 7.30pm

A STORY of gang rivalry, love and family loyalty dances on to the Grove's stage this month with 76 ten to 21-year-olds from the local community working either back stage or performing.

The Grove Summer Musical Project offers young people the chance to perform on a West End-sized stage and be taught by industry professionals in singing, dancing and acting over a two-week intense rehearsal period before the show takes to the stage on Thursday.

It offers not only stage skills, but the chance to form and bond together as a real performance company. This year the creative team comprises Robert Mitchell, MD, who previously directed the first national tours of Evita and Me and My Girl, the European tour of Hair, Sweeney Todd, Guys and Dolls, Oklahoma, Godspell, Caberet, The Wizard of Oz and Lock up your Daughters.

National tours include West Side Story, Annie and the revival of The Hired Man, which won the 2004 TMA award for best musical.

The director of this year's project is Ben Lambert who has been a professional performer since the age of 14 where he started as a Butlins Redcoat. Since then Ben has worked on more than 30 of the world's finest cruise liners, in over 55 countries and in at least 100 of the world's most well-known and established theatres, touring shows like The Rocky Horror Picture Show, West End Show Stoppers, Spirit of the Dance, West Side Story, Celebrity Stars in their Eyes, The Jane McDonald show, The Ultimate Rhythm and Blues Revue.

Ben said he has been amazed by the local talent and is delighted to be involved with such a promising production.

Tickets for the show can be bought from the box office on 01582 602080.

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Get ready for not one, but a triple blast from the past

MUSIC

The Alban Arena, St Albans
Friday, October 25, 7.30pm

FROM the Sophisti-pop soundings of Go West and Hue and Cry to the soulful emotions of The Christians, this winter sees the three critically acclaimed groups join forces for this one-off UK tour.

United on the same bill for the first time ever in a series of shows, witness pop music at its very best with hit after hit.

With millions of albums sales and hits between them, plus more than 25 years of perfecting their craft, performing to audiences at sold-out stadiums, intimate unplugged sets and everything in between, this 80s triple header kicks off on October 21 before reaching the Alban Arena on October 25.

BRIT award-winners in 1986, Go West are celebrating more than 25 years together and will be looking to set the stage alight.

Hue and Cry burst onto the UK music scene in the late 1980s with the successful albums Seduced and Abandoned and Remote so they will be blaring the hits from their back catalogue.

Merseyside stars The Christians were among the prime movers in the soul scene that emerged out of England's North West at the end of the 80s and along with other bands they brought a distinctive soul edge to the charts at the end of that decade.

Tickets to the show cost £29.50 (seating) and £26 (standing).

You can book by calling 01727 844488.

Adventure: Percy Jackson: Sea Of Monsters

A peek at the big screen

FILM PREVIEWS

Various films

THIS week our resident film expert Gavin Miller takes a quick look at the latest blockbuster movie releases about to hit our screens.

GROWN UPS 2 (12A): Love it or (as most of us do) hate it, the first film was a box office success – so Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Chris Rock and co are back for more comedic mischief in this sequel.

Fingers-crossed though that the comedy is at a more advanced level than the woeful first film – it really couldn't get a lot worse.

ALAN PARTRIDGE: ALPHA PAPA (15): North Norfolk's most famous TV/DJ celebrity provides a film which he is calling his love letter to Norwich – as Steve Coogan's insecure character still clambers for the limelight.

This time the man who famously had a nervous breakdown after driving barefoot to Dundee, looks to salvage his public career after a violent turn of events at his local radio station.

Fingers-crossed on this one, as the original Alan Partridge material provided some of the greatest tear-inducing moments in British comedy history.

PERCY JACKSON: SEA OF MONSTERS (PG): This sequel to the mildly successful The Lightning Thief fantasy tries to fill some of the void left by the likes of Harry Potter – as the son of Poseidon (Logan Lerman) and pals journey to the Sea of Monsters to retrieve the Golden Fleece and save their Half-Blood homestead.

ELYSIUM (15): Another sci-fi flick for this summer. Set in the year 2154, this film is about your classic have-and-have-not society.

The wealthy live on a man-made space station called Elysium, while the rest struggle along on an over-populated, ruined earth.

But that is all about to change when the people on earth reach out for the chance to have a better life.

Mead Open Farm winners announced

CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Molyneux, Edward Cummins and Nikki West who have all won free tickets to Mead Open Farm, plus a toy pack worth £72.

They will have the chance to experience the fun of farming at Mead Open Farm near Leighton Buzzard where there is lots to see and do.

Along with traditional farm animals there are tons of activities to take part in, including the Lamb Bottle Feeding and the Bunny Hop.

You can also can discover the animals in the four Undercover Animal Barns.

The toys on offer include the large livestock building, which comes with Yorkshire boarded sides and added height for extra machine manoeuvrability – very useful come feed time in the barn.

There is also the John Deere 6125R tractor with front loader which is a great addition to any farm.

Each ticket admits two adults and two children and prizes will be delivered within 28 days.

Thank you to all who entered the competition.

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SILVERSTONE DAY OF CHAMPIONS

THOUSANDS of people from across the country are expected to flock to Silverstone on August 29 for the Day of Champions – an annual fundraising event supporting the lifesaving work of local charity Riders for Health.

Held before the British MotoGP at Silverstone, Day of Champions is one of the best days out in British motorsport.

What's more, every penny raised will help Northamptonshire-based organisation Riders for Health to reach millions of people across Africa with reliable health care.

There will be entertainment throughout the day including stunt shows from The Animal Action Sports Tour, live music from Rock band Sidewinder and a craft tent and Kiddimoto track to keep the kids entertained.

For classic bike enthusiasts, a stunning collection of Norton, Triumph and Suzuki models, including a 1978 Barry Sheene race replica, will be on display.

Tickets start at just £15, with children under 16 going free. To book your tickets, simply visit www.silverstone.co.uk or call the Silverstone ticket line 0844 3750 500.

THE MASKED CRUSADERS RETURN

AFTER Kick-Ass' (Dave) bravery gives birth to a new wave of self-made masked crusaders, the young hero joins Colonel Stars and Stripes.

But these amateur superheroes are hunted down by Red Mist – the world's first super villain, who assembles his evil league to make Kick-Ass and Hit Girl (Mindy) pay for what they did to his father.

When the first film left off, Mindy had been forced to retire from crime fighting and navigate the terrifying world of high-school mean girls on her own.

This leaves Dave on his own so he joins Justice Forever with the Colonel.

But just as they begin to make a real difference on the streets they run into the Red Mist who is hell bent on getting revenge and causing mayhem.

Both sides gear up for a showdown and Hit Girl comes out of retirement to make a last stand – if you mess with one member of Justice Forever, you mess with them all.

This film can be viewed at The Grove Theatre from August 30-September 3. Tickets cost £5 from 01582 602080.

Go north to listen to The South

MUSIC

The Stables, Milton Keynes
Wednesday, October 2, 8pm

THE South make a welcome return with their Sweet Refrains – Autumn/Winter 2013 UK Tour.

Ex-members of The Beautiful South, Dave Hemingway and Alison Wheeler, will be singing many of those hits including A Little Time, Don't Marry Her, Rotterdam, Good as Gold, Perfect 10 and many more from the back catalogue.

This nine-piece band will also be performing several songs from their wonderfully received debut album as The South, Sweet Refrains, which is now available on iTunes.

Formed in 1988, The Beautiful South had a string of hit singles and their greatest hits album, Carry On Up The Charts, was one of the fastest-selling albums in UK history, entering at number one and staying there for weeks, becoming one of the country's most popular albums ever.

After 20 years, ten studio albums, five greatest hits compilations, 34 chart singles, 15million record sales worldwide and performing in front of millions of fans, when time was called on The Beautiful South in 2008, not everyone was ready to leave the party.

Dave and Alison, two of the three lead singers with the band, were having too much fun to get out the pipe and slippers and so The South was formed.

Joining the duo were fellow mainstays from the original touring band – keyboardist Damon Butcher and the horn section of Gaz Birtles and Tony Robinson.

Armed with a back catalogue of hits there was still a long way to go on this particular road.

The band has history and pedigree.

Dave's musical career stretches back into the 1980s.

He became a founder member of The Beautiful South after the demise of The Housemartins, who had enjoyed a sustained purple patch and many hits before calling it a day in 1988.

While bassist Norman Cook went on to become superstar DJ Fat Boy Slim, Paul Heaton and Dave proceeded to form the new band in December 1988.

Over the life of the band, they produced many self-penned hits and had several number one albums – they scored their only number one single with the Dave Hemingway/ Briana Corrigan duet A Little Time.

A globally successful band, members of The South have performed these songs in front of fans from Hull to Houston.

Tickets cost £24 and you can make your booking by either calling the box office 01908 280800, or visiting The Stables online at www.stables.org

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Have a sizzling time at barbecue

BARBECUE

Luton Hoo
Every Friday in August

DUE to popular demand, Luton Hoo Hotel, Golf & Spa has extended its Summer Courtyard barbecues to every Friday throughout this month.

As the beautiful weather continues, guests have been flocking to the hotel to enjoy al fresco dining at its best.

Taking place at the atmospheric former stable block, opposite the 19th Bar at the Country Club, the sizzling courtyard barbecues will be held from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Matthew Long, general manager at Luton Hoo, said: "Eating good food outdoors with friends or family is one of life's finest pleasures and on warm summer evenings the sheltered courtyard at Adam's Brasserie is the perfect spot to dine al fresco against a musical backdrop."

The barbecues include a range of grilled meat dishes and a delicious vegetarian selection, a salad buffet and dessert.

The relaxed and informal evenings are priced at £25 per person and half price for under-14s.

A children's menu is also available.

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1 Reception Rooms
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2 Reception Rooms
Garden
1 garage(s)

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So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details
Start off with your full name, address, home and mobile phone numbers and email address . If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile
This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications
List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience
Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills
Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies
Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References
Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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A new project, Luton Advice Network Transition Project, funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund means we are now recruiting for the following:

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- Provide project management for the Luton Advice Network Transition Project to ensure the Project achieves all its stated aims, outputs and outcomes on time and within budget

Administrator
35 hours weekly
Salary: 19,000pa
Annual Leave: 25 days plus public holidays

Key responsibilities include:

- Administrative support for the Luton Advice Network Transition Project to ensure the Project achieves all its stated aims, outputs and outcomes on time and within budget

Both posts will be employed by Luton Rights

For an application pack with job description:
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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ABIGAIL CLOSE) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order will come into operation on 2nd September 2013 and will cease operation after 18 months or when the works are completed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to introduce and enforce temporary waiting restrictions on the lengths of road as specified in the Schedules below. The temporary restrictions will be marked on street and signed accordingly in the area of road affected.

The purpose of the Order is to provide and maintain access to River Bank Primary School temporary facilities via Abigail Close whilst the permanent building on Bath Road is under construction.

11th August 2013

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE 1 No Waiting at Anytime

Abigail Close	Both sides from its junction with Blenheim Crescent for a distance of 10 metres. Both sides of its spur leading to Abigail Court for a distance of 10 metres at its junction. Opposite the electric sub station from a point 10 metres east of the spur leading to Abigail Court to a point 10 metres west of that spur.
Blenheim Crescent	Even numbered side from a point 10 metres south of the southern kerbline of Abigail Close to a point 10 metres north of the northern kerbline of Abigail Close.

SCHEDULE 2 School Keep Clear

Abigail Close	Covering temporary entrance to River Bank Primary School

SCHEDULE 3 No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am-10am and 2.30pm-4.30pm

Abigail Close	Electricity sub station side from a point 10 metres east of its junction with Blenheim Crescent eastwards for a distance of approximately 80 metres.

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON
NEW SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Luton pursuant to Regulation 4(1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, as amended, has made a scheme of allowances payable to Members and Co-opted Members of the Council.

The scheme took effect from 1 April 2013 and will run until 31 March 2014 but will remain in force after that date if by 1 April 2014 the Council fails to authorise the making of a new scheme.

In making the scheme the Council had regard to the recommendations from an independent remuneration panel in accordance with regulation 19(1) of the Regulations.

The scheme as adopted does not reflect the panel's recommendations in relation to the amounts payable for either the basic allowance or the special responsibility allowances and retains those allowances at the same levels as in the previous scheme.

The main features of the scheme are as follows (the amounts recommended by the independent remuneration panel in respect of each allowance are shown in brackets):

The main features of the scheme are as follows:

(i) A basic allowance for all Members of the Council of £7,500 (£7,000) per annum.

(ii) Special responsibility allowances for the following posts per annum in addition to the Basic Allowance:

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• Chairs of the following Committees: Development Control Committee Overview and Scrutiny Board	One third of the Basic Allowance £2,500 (£2,333)
• Chairs of the following Committees/ Groups: Administration Committee Audit and Governance All Area Boards Regulation Committee Scrutiny Health and Social care Scrutiny Finance Review	One Sixth of the Basic Allowance £1,250 (£1,166)
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(iii) Co-optees' Allowance	
• Statutory co-opted members (unless Chair of Standards Committee	One sixth of the Basic Allowance £1,250 (£1,166)
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(iv) The payment of a Dependent Carer's/Childcare Allowance:-

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(v) That no Member should be entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

(vi) The continuation of the current practice of re-imbursing travel (currently 52.2.p per mile) and subsistence expenses incurred by Members and Co-opted members in connection with their duties based on actual cost. The actual level of mileage allowance will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with the rate paid to Officers of the Council.

A copy of the scheme and copies of the record kept of payments made under the scheme may be viewed at the Council's principal offices at the Town Hall, George Street, Luton between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Fridays

A copy of the scheme has also been published on the Council's website (www.luton.gov.uk)

Ann Loeffler, Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton, LU1 2BQ ©LW

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER (1995)
Site: Guardian Industrial Estate, Dallow Road
Description: Erection of up to 64 dwellings with access road, parking and associated works - Resubmission
Application no.: 13/00915/OUT

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990
Site: 2 - 10 Guildford Street
Description: Conversion and change of use of (sui-generis) to used car sales, service workshop and car wash.
Application no.: 13/00440/FUL **Conservation Area**

Site: 63 George Street

Description: External and internal alterations to a Listed Building - existing doors and windows redecorated and elevations cleaned down. Internal alterations include removal of a large non-original shutter, removal, alteration and construction of non-original partitions to improve layout of the building and with new floor finishes.
Application no.: 13/00837/LBC **Grade II Listed Building**

The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at **www.eplan.luton.gov.uk** and enter the application number into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317.

Any representations should be made to the Development Control Manager within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number above. This can be done in writing or on-line through public access (full details can be found on the website).

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (HART HILL LANE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 5th August 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 14th October 2013 and cease operation after 28th October 2013 or when the proposed works have been completed. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates as above. Specific times and dates will be signed locally.

The purpose of the Order is to enable repair works to be carried out to a water pipe.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Hart Hill Lane.	The entire length.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (GILLAM STREET) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 5th August 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 12th August 2013 for a period of 18 months. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the length of road specified in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the date described above.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the necessary alterations to traffic management as part of the ongoing development and construction associated with The Luton Town Centre Transport Scheme.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Gillam Street.	From its junction with Hitchin Road westwards for a distance of approximately 57 metres.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (SUNDON PARK ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.3) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on 5th August 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 22nd September 2013 and cease operation after 4th October 2013 or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable railway bridge works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
Sundon Park Road.	From its junction with Toddington Road to the side of lamp column 21 (The section of Sundon Park Road under the railway bridge known as 'Sundon Arch').	From Sunday 22nd September 2013 to Friday 27th September 2013 11.00pm to 5.00am. From Sunday 29th September 2013 to Friday 4th October 2013 11.00pm to 5.00am.

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FOOTBALL

Still not bothered by favourites tag

JOHN Still says that he is not bothered by the favourites tag which has once again been attached to Luton Town.

The Hatters are once again the top runners for promotion to the Football League according to many of the bookies, but since this is their fifth season in the top flight of non-league football supporters know that being tipped for success does not mean a thing.

Yesterday's 1-0 defeat at unfancied Southport simply hammered home the fact that the Skrill Premier season will be a far from easy ride for Still's men.

"I don't worry about if we're the favourites," said Luton boss Still.

"I think the season when I was at Dagenham & Redbridge and we got out of the Conference we were probably about 40/1, and I wouldn't like to hazard a guess at what we were to get into League One, but we did.

"It goes to show that the bookies do get it wrong."

Still added that he was unconcerned with the pressure put on the Hatters from his own supporters, and insisted that he instead thrives on it.

"When people say about supporters' expectation I like that it's been like that," he said.

"This club is wanting to rebuild and there will be expectation, that's one of the reasons I came here.

"It's important that the players you bring in can handle it and I say that if you can't handle it, don't play for us."

CRICKET

County slide to an opening defeat

BEDFORDSHIRE CCC lost for the first time this season as they fell by an innings and 35 runs to Minor Counties Eastern Division leaders Cambridgeshire.

George Thurstance skippered the side in the absence of regular captain Jamie Hewitt but they were blown away by the table toppers at March Town CC.

The hosts were bowled out for 330 after electing to bat, with Martin Weightman (5-44) the pick of the Beds attack, but the reply was disastrous as Beds were skittled for just 96 thanks to Joe Dawborn's superb figures of 8-28.

Thurstance's side were asked to follow on and the captain showed some fight with a knock of 85, but the team were bowled out for 199 to come up short of Cambs' first total.

Beds have slipped to eighth in the table and are still looking for a first win after drawing all four of their opening matches.

They next face bottom of the table Lincolnshire at Grantham, with the three day contest starting on August 18.

Lincs are also without an opening victory, with two draws and three defeats to their name so far.

CRICKET

Over 50s progress

BEDFORDSHIRE over 50s made history by qualifying for the quarter final stage of the ECB National Over 50 knockout competition for the first time.

Jeremy Page of Luton Town & Indians CC hit an unbeaten 91 as Cheshire were beaten in the first knock-out stage, with Beds now facing a tricky tie in the last eight against Hampshire.

Macca sees red in miserable opener

RED MIST: Steve McNulty received his marching orders for an apparent elbow.

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FOOTBALL

SKRILL PREMIER

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JOHN Still joked after last Saturday's 7-0 thrashing of Arsenal's flimsy XI that despite exciting pre-season performances they would "probably get beaten" in this opening Skrill Premier clash against Southport. The accuracy of his tongue-in-cheek comment will certainly give him no pleasure, however.

Jamie Milligan's deflected 23rd minute free-kick set up a 1-0 victory, aided in large part by Steve McNulty's second-half sending off, which was vengeance for the hosts after their final day 3-1 defeat to the Hatters last season.

Southport's stars were certainly aligned in this win but in truth they were good value, leaving Still and his Luton side frustrated.

In anticipation for their season opener against Alan Wright's newly inherited side, the message from Still was one of caution.

A 4-4-1-1 starting formation with new boy Mark Cullen, making his first competitive start for the Hatters, preferred to last season's 20-goal hero Andre Gray as the attacking spearhead, was a surprise.

Only 297 faithful Hatters made the 200-mile journey to the north west to see their side off for the summer back in April but after their notable pre-season exploits Town had brought an orange and white army to the seaside this time around.

Four months ago Southport took the lead and eventually succumbed to the Hatters' low-key end of season celebrations but they looked lively from the get-go in this one.

New signing Danny Hattersley should have done better with an almost free eighth-minute header while Chris Almond looked a threat to unorthodox right-back Jonathan Smith.

For Luton, Shaun Whalley, who started in the Sandgrounders' loss to Town in April before signing at Kenilworth Road along with centre-back Andy Parry in June, drifted over a thoughtful 11th minute cross but it was just too high for the stretching Cullen.

LOSING EFFORT: Anthony Charles rises high

The relatively even contest was then blown wide open by a spot of fortune.

Milligan, another new Southport recruit, tried his hand from a 23rd minute 25-yard free-kick and to Luton's horror it ricocheted off their defensive wall and looped over a helpless Mark Tyler.

A slice of luck to christen the 2013/4 season for the home side but not totally undeserved.

Town's lethargic reply kicked in just after the half hour with their first two corners resulting in very little. The unsightly manner of Town's deficit led Still to send Gray out for a meaningful warm-up.

A wild Solomon Taiwo challenge typified the state of Town's erratic first-half display. Still's initial defensive approach soon resorted to conventional 4-4-2 as Jake Howells made way for Gray at the interval.

The 22-year-old scored a winning brace in April and similar heroics would be needed to turn this fiery affair around. But he Hatters' goal disadvantage was soon to become a numerical one as well.

McNulty's clumsy leap when challenging for a corner in the Sandgrounders' box led referee Chris Kavanagh to issue the former Liverpool academy player with a straight red card to further hamper Luton's slim chances of salvaging a result.

With a third flare of the afternoon thrown on to the pitch for good measure, Luton's first day plans were well and truly going up in smoke. Town's ten rallied on and with 15 minutes to go they thought they had forged an unlikely reprieve.

Gray burst through in the right channel of the area and was hacked down by centre-back Luke George, who avoided the same fate as the unfortunate McNulty.

However, it went from momentary delight to despair as the returning Whalley had his penalty saved by Danny Hurst.

A melee ensued but the home side stood as firm as a stick of Southport seaside rock.

Luton's luck was out and they knew it. The hosts could have doubled their tally late on through substitute Yamen Osawe but by then the game was up.

A third successive opening day without a victory will frustrate the Hatters but the alarm bells should not be ringing after this.

A reaction at home to Salisbury on Tuesday night will establish the resiliency of Still's newly assembled Town.

Southport – Hurst; Challoner, Flynn, George, Fitzpatrick; Milligan, Chalmers (Ledsham, 81); Rutherford (Osawe, 88), Brown, Almond, Hattersley (Tames, 84). Subs not used – Stevenson, Akrigg.

Luton Town – Tyler; Smith, Lacey, McNulty (capt), Griffiths; Martin (Charles, 58) Taiwo (Parry, 72), Gutteridge, Whalley; Howells (Gray, 45); Cullen. Subs not used – Justham, Robinson.

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We were 'nowhere near good enough' blasts boss

UNHAPPY RETURN: Shaun Whalley's penalty was saved against the club he left for Luton in the summer.
Picture: Gareth Owen

FOOTBALL

BY TOM SHARP
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LUTON Town manager John Still was left baffled after his side's opening day 1-0 Skrill Premier defeat to Southport at Haig Avenue yesterday, but vowed he would not be fazed by the shock early season loss.

Jamie Milligan's 23rd minute deflected free-kick was the difference in an entertaining and fiery clash that saw Steve McNulty sent off just after the hour with the hosts eventually clinging on to their well-deserved win.

The Hatters, who also saw Shaun Whalley's penalty saved, were without first-team regulars Ronnie Henry and Jon Shaw – while last season's top scorer Andre Gray spent the opening half on the sidelines – but Still believes his side's lack of intensity was the main benefactor of their demise. "It was a fully deserved and fair result for them," said Still. "They played to their strengths much more than we did.

"We never got ourselves going as we did in pre-season. As I have stressed before though, pre-season can only show you how fit and organised you are.

"As the manager I should know why we have not succeeded but I do not.

"All I know is our level of performance was nowhere near good enough today and we cannot blame injuries. We only have our on-field performance to blame."

Still could also not fathom why his captain McNulty had been shown a second-half red card for a suspected elbow which further derailed Town's chances of grabbing a point or more in the closing stages of the contest.

"It was a bit of an Arsene Wenger moment for me really," said Still.

"However, I did ask on the bench and no one saw it so we are unsure.

"When Steve came off he did not say anything but there was an incident before that where I felt he could have walked away so I will speak to him after."

With only one game gone and 45 to go, Still is certainly not getting anxious about the season ahead.

"I will remind people what their responsibilities are and it will be business as usual again," he said.

"We could not control the 'uncontrollables' today. "A lot of things went their way although we obviously did not play well.

"I thought their man should have been sent off when he took down Andre for our penalty but he only got a yellow so these things happen.

"We will not mope about this defeat though.

"There is a long way to go in this season. That goes without saying."

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